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The Rite of Spring

Marietta residents will soon celebrate the arrival of spring with the vernal equinox.

In a few short months, the days will become longer, the air warmer and, once again, the flowers will begin to bloom. This symbolic changing of the seasons is ushered in by what is known as the vernal equinox.

The vernal equinox, which marks the midway point between winter and summer, takes place on March 20 or 21 each year. The word "equinox" comes from a Latin word meaning "equal night," and the word vernal means "of

spring." When the equinox occurs, the sun is positioned above the equator, thus day and night are about equal in length all over the world.

Throughout history, the vernal equinox has represented a time of renewal, both in nature and in the home – otherwise known as "spring cleaning." More than just physical activity, spring cleaning is believed to remove any negative energy accumulated over the dark winter months while preparing the home for the positive, growing energy of spring and summer! ⚡



Spring Cleaning Activities Can Help You Lower Summertime Energy Bills

Marietta Power wants you to know that you can help control your electric bills this summer by adding a few simple chores to your spring cleaning "to do" list.

Replace Old Filters

For maximum efficiency, change or clean filters each month during peak operating season.

Clean AC Coils

Cleaning the coils on your air conditioner or heat pump before warm weather arrives saves energy and reduce or eliminates microbial while preventing it from spreading throughout your home.

Dust Off Freezers and Refrigerators

Refrigerators and freezers transfer heat from the inside to the air outside by allowing air to flow over cooling coils. When coils become covered with dust and grime, your

refrigerator has to work much harder to keep the contents cool.

Check and Seal Leaky Air Ducts

Leaky ductwork allows cool air to escape and impurities to get into the air that's circulating throughout your home. So, repair or replace deteriorated air ducts and seal any leaks between sections with duct tape.

Lower the Temperature Setting on Water Heaters

When the air around your pipes gets warmer, water won't lose as much heat between the water heater and faucets or appliances. So you can lower the temperature slightly during warmer months without noticing an appreciable difference in water temperature.

For more tips on saving energy this summer, please call Marietta Power at (770) 794-5100. ⚡



National Women's History Month Celebrates Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility

The National Women's History Project (NWHP) and the City of Marietta encourage everyone to join in celebrating National Women's History Month in March.

The origin of National Women's History Month began as a weeklong observance to honor women's contributions to civilization. In 1978, The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women designated the first Women's History Week. During this week, the task force selected March 8, 1978, as International Women's Day to ensure that the events and acknowledgement would include a multicultural perspective, recognize the connection between and among all women, and celebrate the important role of women in the paid labor force.

The program captured national attention and, in March of 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a message encouraging the recognition and celebration of women's historic accomplishments during Women's History Week. By the end of 1980, then Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) and then Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) co-sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution that declared the week of March 8, 1981, as

National Women's History Week. The NWHP was also founded in 1980 to provide a national clearinghouse for general information about women's history and for specific information about National Women's History Week celebrations.

In 1987, with support from libraries, museums, youth leaders, educators and women's organizations cross America, the NWHP successfully petitioned Congress to expand the national celebrations to the entire month of March. Both houses of the U.S. Congress quickly approved the National Women's History Month Resolution. A Presidential Proclamation followed in 1992, carrying with it the directive for what has since become a major national and international celebration.

To learn more about the NWHP, this year's honorees and ways to celebrate National Women's History Month, please visit www.nwhp.org. ⚡



Calendar of Events

Now through March 6

Sleeping Beauty by Little General Junior Players
Cobb Playhouse and Studio
Call (770) 565-3995
for information.

Now through March 13

South Pacific by Barn Buster Musicals
Cobb Playhouse and Studio
Call (770) 565-3995
for information.

March 6-June 28

Living Traditions: Folk Artists of the American South
Marietta Museum of History
Call (770) 528-0431
for information.

March 10-April 18

A Raisin in the Sun
Theatre in the Square
Call (770) 422-8369
for information.

March 11

An Evening With History: Folk Artists of the South
Marietta Museum of History
Call (770) 528-0431
for information.

March 12 Friday

Kingston Trio
Encore Performance Series
Jennie T. Anderson Theatre
Call (770) 528-8490
for information.

March 27-28

Singin' in the Rain
Encore Performance Series
Jennie T. Anderson Theatre
Call (770) 528-8490
for information.

March 13-April 10 Saturdays

A Little Princess by Little General Junior Players
Cobb Playhouse and Studio
Call (770) 565-3995
for information.

March 19-20

Sock Hop and Pop:
A Musical Revue
Call (770) 565-3995
for information.